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SUBJECT: SPERRY UNIVAC COLLABORATION WITH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRY (INI)

1. GEORGE GEICK, THE WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE OF SPERRY RAND CORPORATION. HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE COMPANY'S SPERRY UNIVAC DIVISION IS IN THE PROCESS OF NE-GOTIATING AN AGREEMENT WITH INI, A GOS CORPORATION, TO ESTABLISH A FACILITY TO MANUFACTURE MEDIUM AND LARGE COM-PUTERS IN SPAIN. SPERRY RAND WOULD PROVIDE THE TECHNOLOGY AND HOLD A 49 PERCENT EOUITY SHARE. ACCORDING TO GEICK. THE NEGOTIATIONS CANNOT PROCEED FURTHER UNTIL THE GOS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APPROVES. SPERRY UNIVAC'S APPLICATION WAS FILED IN MARCH 1975 AND GEICK ASKED WHETHER THE EMBASSY COULD USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO EXPEDITE APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION. GEICK IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED BECAUSE A JAPANESE FIRM WHICH IS ALSO INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING A SIMILAR MANUFACTURING PLANT IN SPAIN HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN BRINGING STRONG PRESSURE THROUGH THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN MADRID TO HAVE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS GIVE EXCLUSIVE APPRO-VAL TO THEM. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE EMBASSY CONTACT LUIS MEYER OF SPERRY UNIVAC (EDIFICIO SPERRY UNIVAC, AVENIDA DE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LAS AMERICAS S/N TEL. 245-9200) FOR DETAILS AND DISCUSS

WITH HIM WAYS IN WHICH EMBASSY COULD BE HELPFUL.

2. PLEASE REPORT ON OUTCOME OF YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH MEYER, WHICH SHOULD BE HELD EXPEDITIOUSLY BECAUSE COUNCIL REPORTEDLY MAY ACT WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK, INCLUDING AGREED COURSE OF ACTION. FYI AT LEAST ONE OTHER US FIRM, IBM, IS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING RIGHT TO MANUFACTURE MEDIUM AND LARGE COMPUTERS IN SPAIN. END FYI. KISSINGER

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